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SUBJECT: MINNESOTA GALLERY ART EXCHANGE

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS FOR CAO FROM BARBARA SHISSLER.

(BEGIN TEXT) - PLEASE INFORM MINCULT THAT A NUMBER OF WORKS WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN AUGUST 16TH SHIPMENT DID NOT ARRIVE. MRS. SAKHAROVA FEELS THAT THIS WAS AN OVER-SIGHT AND DO TO LACK OF EFFICIENCY ON THE PART OF THE HERMITAGE MUSEUM. SHE BELIEVES THEY ARE ALL APPROVED FOR SHIPMENT AND CAN EASILY BE INCLUDED IN THE AUGUST 3P SHIPMENT IF SOMEONE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH THE APPROPRIATE MUSEUMS. A LIST OF THE WORKS FOLLOWS: BEGGROV, NEVA EMBANKMENT BY THE HERMITAGE THEATER FROM THE HERMITAGE MUSEUM; GALAKTIONOV, FOUR DRAWINGS, GIREI AND HIS RETAINERS, ZAREMA, NARIIA ZAREMA, IN TIMONS'CELL, ALL FROM THE ALL UNION PUSHKIN; AND FINALLY MAMONOV, PORTRAIT OF GOGOL. WILL YOU PLEASE CONTACT THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND LET US KNOW IF THESE WORKS CAN BE SHIPPED ON AUGUST 30 WITH THE REMAINDER OF THE WORKS.

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ALSO THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE FORGOT TO SEND THE AUGUST 22 SHIPMENT ON A "THROUGH AIRWAY BILL." WOULD YOU PLEASE ASK

THAT ALL CRATES SHIPPED ON AUGUST 30 BE CHECKED ALL THE WAY THROUGH TO MINNEAPOLIS, NOT TO NEW YORK CITY. THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE FAILURE TO DO SO WITH THE AUGUST 22

SHIPMENT HAS CAUSED US ADDITIONAL CONFUSION AND ADDITIONAL
EXPENSE. (END TEXT) CHRISTOPHER

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